

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is done after consulting expert and looking into their qualifications in music.

BUS SERVICE—TRICHUR-PARAPPUR LINE

96. Mr. K. R. Achuthan (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that the single bus running in the Trichur-Parappur line, after running its first trip from Parappur to Trichur on 27th March 1944/14th Meenam 1119 and 28th March 1944/15th Meenam 1119, the dates of the Cranganur Bharani festival and the days succeeding it, cancelled some of the subsequent trips and diverted its running to the Trichur Shoranur line to take pilgrims returning from Cranganur;

(b) whether this diversion was effected with the consent of the traffic authorities;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, will Government be pleased to state what action has been taken against the bus-owner concerned for the breach of traffic rules and the inconvenience thereby caused to the travelling public?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*):

(a) The service has defaulted one trip only on 15th Meenam 1119 and it has run its usual services on 15th Meenam 1119. The service has not cancelled its regular trips and diverted its running to Trichur-Shoranur line, but has run on contract carriage basis.

(b) Yes.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know why the diversion mentioned in sub-division (b) was allowed?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): Because there was some break down of the car and we had to divert it.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Is it not a fact that in Trichur-Parappur line there is only one bus running?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the diversion of a bus from a line where there is only one bus running to another line causes much inconvenience to the travelling public?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes. But inconvenience is sometimes inevitable.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Cannot the Government avoid such things?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): We are trying our best.

STOPPING THE RUNNING OF BUSES FOR OFFENCES COMMITTED BY OWNERS, DRIVERS, ETC.

97. Mr. M. Krishna Menon (*Trichur-North*): Will Government be pleased to state,—whether there is the practice of suspending the running of buses for offences done by the owners, drivers or conductors of buses?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes; if the offences committed come under section (57) (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (*Trichur-North*): May I know whether the Hon'ble member for Police is aware of cases where traffic of buses is suspended owing to the offence overloading?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): For overloading, buses are not suspended; but those responsible are prosecuted.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (*Trichur-North*): For over-loading?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): I am not aware of it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Under certain sections the Commissioner of Police suspends the permits of buses and does not allow them to run in the lines in which they used to run and the buses are shunted on to the bus shed for a few days. Such action though it is permissible under the Act, causes inconvenience to the passengers. You, can use any other provision in the Act. You can prosecute them but not suspend the running of buses.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (*Commissioner of Police*): It is solely to ensure public safety that it is done.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I am saying that bus service is suspended not because the bus service goes out of order but for something else. Such things ought to be avoided.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General): This provisions is resorted to in public interests in order to bring the owners of motor buses also into the ambit of the penal provision; in the sense that the owner gets the profit by allowing the driver and the conductor, who may be changed day after day to Commit offences.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): In the light of that answer will not enhanced punishments or a more severe punishment than the one that is being inflicted now serve the purpose?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General): Because it is a sort of implied abetment, though there may not be a specific abetment on the part of the owner that he has asked his driver or conductor to commit offences, that section 57 (1) is there and its scope is very limited.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): The law member seems to cloud the issue. All these things are true. You can enhance the punishment, you can even whip him. But why should the vehicle be stopped.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General): The existing law must be changed. It is only about the administration of the existing law that the reply was given.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): If it is really inconvenient to the people, then the law must be changed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General): This is an all India Legislation. Of course if there is any such representation we have to consider it but I do not hold out any hope.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): But it is left to the discretion of the Commissioner to suspend the bus or not.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General): Each case will be considered on its own merits and the Commissioner of Police has already said that only on the interests of public safety that buses are stopped.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): In these days of transport difficulties will the Government be pleased to take a lenient view and minimise inconvenience as far as possible.

Mr. Presidnet: It is a suggestion which will be considered.

BUS SERVICE BETWEEN TRICHUR AND SHORANUR—FAILURE TO RUN FOR SOME DAYS

98. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether "S. M. S." service buses plying between Trichur and Shoranur were not running consequently for a number of days at the end of Medam and the beginning of Edavam 1119;

(b) if they were not running what was the reason for the same;

(c) when was the running of these buses stopped and when resumed?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police):

(a) No.

(b) The permit-holder could not get suitable drivers and conductors for the buses and one bus was out of order.

(c) C.S. 2182 stopped on 30th Medam 1119 and resumed on 15th Edavam 1119.

C.S. 1878 stopped on 31st Medam 1119 and resumed on 15th Mithunam 1119.

C.S. 2262 stopped on 26th Medam 1119 and resumed on 16th Edavam 1119.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): May I know which of these three buses was out of order.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): With reference to answer (b) is the Government in a position to inform the House what the reason mentioned by the owner is for not getting drivers and conductors?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): The permanent drivers and conductors were unwell and therefore he could not get suitable hands to run the buses.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Is the Government aware that the permanent drivers and conductors became unwell as a result of severe thrashing in the Police Station?